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instead of 2:10-cr-00071. The government therefore seeks to amend the indictment to contain the correct case number.

Amendment of an indictment to correct typographical errors is appropriate as long as the error did not mislead or prejudice the defendant. *United States v. Neill*, 166 F.3d 943, 947 (9th Cir. 1999); *United States v. Lim*, 984 F.2d 331, 337 (9th Cir. 1993). Amendment is allowed even when it relates to an element of the offense charged. *Neill*, 166 F.3d at 947.

Although the years in Counts Thirteen, Twenty and Twenty-One were incorrect, the actual tax returns for those counts were provided to the defendant during discovery. Also, the parties have used the correct case number throughout this case. Defendant has not asserted that he was prejudiced or misled by these errors in the indictment. Accordingly, amendment to reflect the correct filing years in Counts Thirteen, Twenty, and Twenty-One, and to correct the case number is appropriate. The government's motion to amend the indictment to correct typographical errors (#45) is therefore granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: This 6th day of July, 2011.

Howard DMEKiller

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE